

**MINUTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
ON Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 10:00 am**

Present:

Leanne Keenan (Strengthening Communities Citywide Advisor, CCC), Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Tracey Dorreen (Deaf/Blind Community), Simon Atkinson (People First), Anna Mitchell (Disabled Persons Association) and Robert Watts (Older Persons).

Minute taker:

Emma Pachnatz (Citywide Administrator, CCC)

1. Welcome:

Leanne welcomed everyone to the meeting with a karakia. Guests included Rachel Mullins the Inclusive Communities Coordinator at Council, Julie Warren and Greg from BRANZ, Karen Smith and Darral Campbell, General Manager from Alzheimers Canterbury.

2. Apologies:

Adele Wilkinson (Mental Health Education and Resource Centre), Doreen McCoard (Post Polio), Lorraine Wiersma (Maori & Whanau) and Brian Laurie (Physical Disability).

Leanne informed members that Brian Laurie has submitted his resignation from the Disability Advisory Group. His commitment and contribution to the group were very much appreciated. Leanne will ensure his contributions are appropriately acknowledged by Council.

3. Confirmation of last meeting minutes:

Copy of previous minutes were supplied to members to review after the meeting and notify of any amendments.

ACTION: Members to email Leanne with required amendments to previous meeting minutes (18 November 2014) by 24 December.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Feedback gathered at the last meeting regarding accessible car parking in the Central City was passed on to staff. Kevin Ward (Parking Business Manager, Parking Operations Team at Council) sent a thank you email: "This is fantastic information, we will plug this into our project as best we can and take on board the recommendations. Can you please thank those who took the time to provide this information and I think that linking to the actual users of the mobility car parks will be some improvement for us all."

5. Dementia Friendly Christchurch Presentation:

Karen Smith gave a presentation - Developing a Dementia-Friendly Christchurch – *Perspectives of People With Dementia*.

Karen also introduced Darral Campbell, General Manager from Alzheimers Canterbury.

- Darral provided a brief summary of several activities run by or supported by Alzheimer's Canterbury:
 - Don't Fence Me In: recently produced booklet (see website <http://www.alzheimers.org.nz/information/latest-news/396-don-t-fence-me-in>)
 - Artzheimers: an art appreciation programme run in conjunction with the Christchurch City Art Gallery at the South Library.
 - The Next Chapter: book group for people with dementia.
 - Trial Gardening Group: trial with the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.
 - Community Cafes: support groups that meet regularly in cafes.

6. Building Research Association of New Zealand Accessible Emergency Egress Consultation:

Julie Warren and Greg from Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ) provided an overview of a new research project being undertaken by BRANZ to identify accessible emergency egress requirements. They are undertaking several workshops across New Zealand to gather information with this one being the first.

Workshop was undertaken with members.

7. Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub Feedback

Allison drafted a submission on the Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub and Recreational Park on behalf of the group. Comments on the previously circulated draft were called for and included:

- Emphasise the interest in DAG to provide continued feedback as the development progress.
- Emphasise the importance of Council committing to accessibility.
- Emphasise the need for accessibility audits.

ACTION: Leanne to update submission and submit today.

8. Meeting Dates for 2015:

Suggested meeting dates for 2015 were tabled and accepted.

9. Next Meeting:

Tuesday 17 February 2015 at 10:00 am at Civic, 53 Hereford Street, ground floor, Meeting Room 1.

Meeting closed with karakia at 12 noon.